

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2275

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 11, 1981

Application of JAPAN TRAVELERS)
SERVICE, INC., for a Certificate)
of Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Engage in Charter Operations)

Case No. AP-81-26

By application filed November 9, 1981, Japan Travelers Service, Inc. (JTS), seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers and their baggage, in charter operations, between points in the Metropolitan District. 1/ JTS proposes to provide group sightseeing and airport transfers in vehicles ranging in seating capacity from 7 passengers to 51 passengers each. "At present," according to the application, "all of applicant's customers and clients are groups originating in Japan (or Korea), consisting of Japanese (or Korean) speaking people only, for which . . . applicant provides licensed Japanese or Korean speaking tour guides." 2/

JTS's tariff contains extensive flaws of form and substance. This matter has been discussed with applicant's counsel, and a revised tariff filing will be directed.

Applicant's balance sheet, dated April 30, 1981, shows current assets of \$63,793, total assets of \$113,377, total liabilities of \$31,288 and equity of \$82,089. Included among JTS's assets are two 7-passenger limousines, an 11-passenger van and a 20-passenger minibus. Applicant proposes to purchase an additional minibus and a 51-passenger coach in 1982.

1/ Applicant's proposal purports to include Baltimore-Washington International Airport, a point outside the Metropolitan District. To this extent, the application is hereby dismissed.

2/ This language cannot be interpreted as a proposed restriction of the authority sought.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this matter must be set for a public hearing. At said hearing JTS will be expected to establish that it is fit, willing and able properly to provide the proposed service and to conform to the provisions of the Compact and the rules, regulations and orders of the Commission thereunder. In addition, applicant must establish that the proposed service is required by the public convenience and necessity.

JTS will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the expenses which Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact require an applicant to bear, and will be directed to file certain supplemental materials.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the above-entitled proceeding is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 6, 1982, in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

2. That applicant publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and hearing, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Friday, November 20, 1981.

3. That applicant produce at the public hearing an affidavit of said publication.

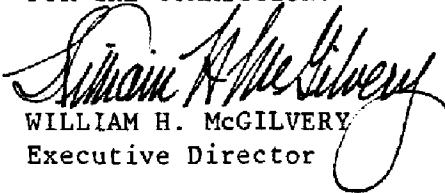
4. That any person desiring to protest the application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall notify the Commission, in writing, not later than Monday, December 21, 1981, and shall mail a copy of such protest or notification to counsel for applicant, Barry R. Diamond, Esquire, 805 King Street, Alexandria, Va. 22314.

5. That applicant is hereby assessed \$800 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact and directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than 12 noon, Wednesday, December 23, 1981.

6. That applicant file with the Commission six copies each of a projected annual revenue and revenue deductions operating statement, its most recent actual operating statement and a new proposed tariff consistent with Commission Regulation No. 55, all no later than 12 noon, Wednesday, December 23, 1981, serve one copy of each on each

party of record as of Monday, December 21, 1981, and produce the originals at the public hearing.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director